(b) if so, the States which have diverted the tribal funds for other work?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) No, Sir. The State Govts. are utilizing the funds as per the provisions of respective schemes. In case they are not able to fully utilize the funds they carry forward the unutilized funds funds to the subsequent years, under the respective scheme.

(b) No report about diversion of funds against the grants-in-aid released by Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been received.

Funds to Himachal Pradesh

851. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated to Himachal Pradesh during this year under various schemes for construction of roads, bridges and culverts in hilly and far flung areas;

(b) whether additional funds are proposed to be allocated in view of its historical background; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and it not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) The entitlement of the State of Himachal Pradesh, under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India during the financial year of 2003-2004 for creation of infrastructure, including roads, bridges and culverts in hilly and far flung areas, is Rs. 80.00 lakhs. The States are entitled to get funds over and above the entitlement under Article 275(1) for innovative projects sanctioned on a case to case basis, subject of fulfillment of conditions laid down in the guidelines.

Development of small and medium towns

†852. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started any scheme for the all round development of the small and medium towns in the country;

(b) if so, the cities in Bihar selected under this scheme; and –

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.